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## AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is filed in response to Final Office Action mailed on March 27, 2007 in connection with the above-referenced matter. A Notice of Appeal was received on October 1, 2007 by the U.S. Patent Office. In lieu of an Appeal Brief, Applicants submit herewith a Request for Continued Examination and the requisite fee. Accordingly, the time for responding is December 1, 2007 and this response is timely filed.

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